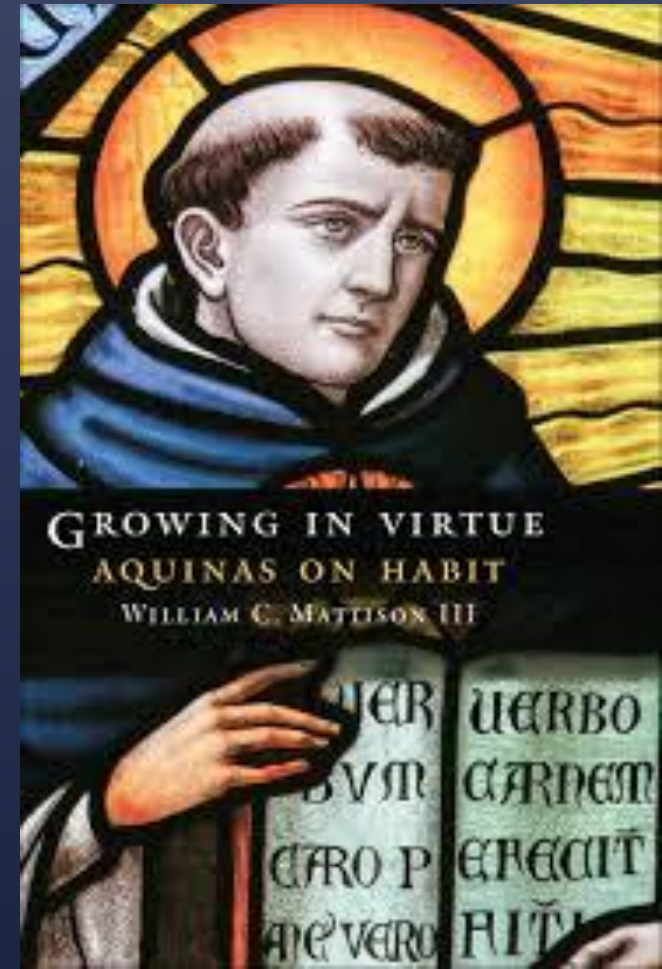
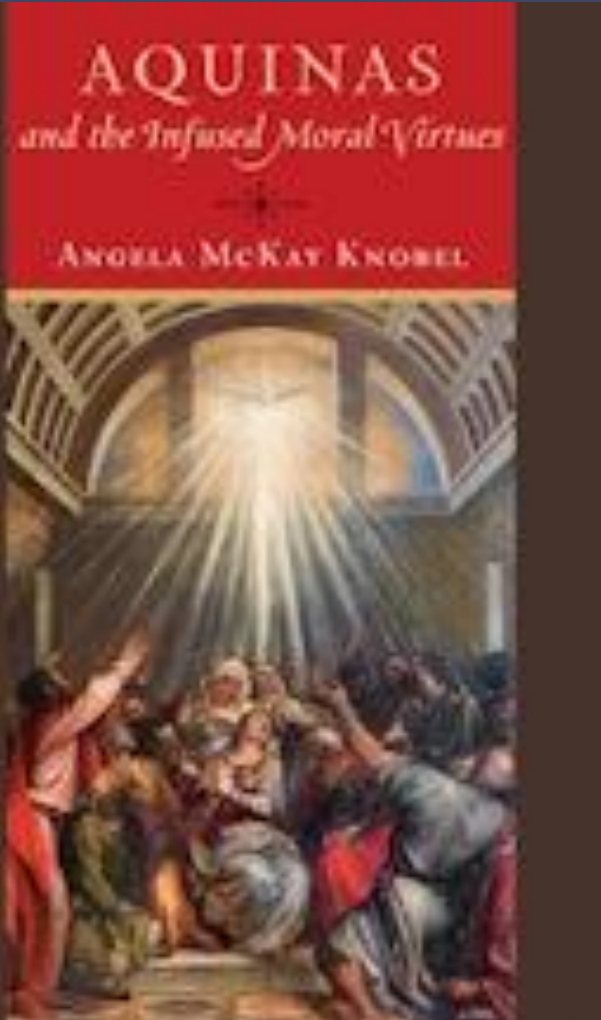


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# Knobel's Proposal

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# Natural and Supernatural Virtue

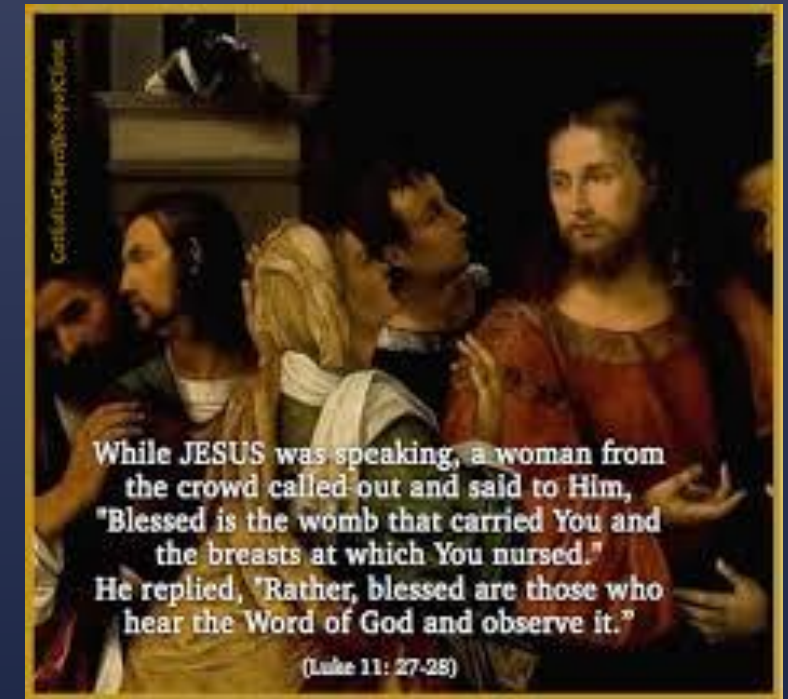


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